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COUNTRY : Rumania  
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1. General Nicolas Radescu, President of the Rumanian National Committee, has informed Vincent Veniamin, of the National Peasant Party, that he has intervened to secure a United States visa for Veniamin since the latter would be useful as a juridical consultant to the Rumanian National Committee. Veniamin replied that he saw no purpose in going to the United States at the present time, as he could submit written opinions from Paris.

2. General Radescu informed Veniamin that the Swiss Government would intervene to free the remaining portions of the former Rumanian Foreign Office fund controlled by Constantin Visoianu and Alexander Cretianu which is presently the subject of a lawsuit in the Swiss courts, but this action would be taken only on the request of the United States Government. The Government of the United States, according to Radescu, would undertake to intervene only if requested by the Rumanian National Committee and only if the National Committee stated that this fund belongs to the Committee and not to one of its members.

3. Radescu reportedly has decided to create a cultural institute in Paris, to organize the activities of Rumanian intellectuals abroad, to handle relations with foreign cultural institutions, and to supervise newspapers and periodicals published in the Rumanian language. The head of this institute would be Nicolae Herescu, a supporter of Radescu.

4. Confusion is said to reign in the National Peasant ranks as a result of Radescu's activities. Anton Crihan, whose appointment to the vacancy in the National Committee resulting from the death of Grigore Nicolae Buzesti is being pressed by Radescu, has reportedly given Mihail Raut and Alexander Bunesco a written pledge to the effect that, once he becomes a member of the Committee, he will take effective action to secure its enlargement, after which they would be accepted as members. Raut, however, doubts Crihan's sincerity and has been informed that Crihan has notified friends of Augustin Popa and Vasile Veniamin that he will work in close collaboration with these latter. Veniamin was thereupon visited by Raut and informed that the designation of Crihan as a member of the National Committee should be reexamined.

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